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## Introduction

At Nova Southeastern University, our chapter Gamma Theta has 45 members between three different campuses. throughout our year, we held many events and provided different activities to members and the local community to help bring forth the initiatives of the mission statement from the national office.

**Meetings** Please provide information on meetings held in the following tabular format

Date	Attendance	Agenda	Action Steps
2016-09-22	42	General Overview	Guest Speaker
2016-10-24	37	Chapter Updates	Guest Speaker
2016-12-01	40	Chapter Updates	Guest Speaker
2017-01-19	38	Chapter Updates	Guest Speaker

**Strategic Planning:** What goals were set that relate to the Rho Chi mission?

At the start of my presidency campaign, I set aside different goals in an attempt to mirror the society at a national level. My primary goal was to push my chapter and to let them buy into the vision I had for the chapter. I wanted my Rho Chi members to show themselves as leaders for intellectual change and to promote the organization. I also set a goal of greater than 100 points from Student Government Association (SGA). This is because smaller organizations such as Rho Chi normally struggles for the required 30 points per year. In addition, I wanted to collaborate other organizations to further our organization while building relations with others.

## Activities

Throughout the year, all activities revolved around the general meetings. This was a way for me to disseminate important information regarding local and national issues. As such, attendance at general meetings was made mandatory and counted toward achieving members' graduation medallion requirement. We held a total of six general meetings throughout the year. This event is an ongoing initiative throughout our chapter.

The first event that I set for my members was to complete their requirements to earn a graduation medallion. In order to earn the medallion, members had to complete 4 hours of tutoring per semester, had to table at least one event, they also needed to attend our annual seminar night and participate in at least one fundraising event throughout the year. These events will be ongoing for the rest of the time.

Our activities focused mainly on the mission statement put forth by the navigational organization. We set our objectives to ensure we will reward the intellect or achieve critical inquiry to advance pharmacy and also the development of intellectual leaders. Each member was required to perform tutoring hours. We kept track of the hours our members did by a form that

was submitted by each member at the end of the semester. We are happy to announce that our chapter conducted over 200 hours of free tutoring session to students in the college of pharmacy. This was a way to give back to the community and also to help promote the profession. Our chapter also collaborated with the Florida Society of Health-System Pharmacists for a curriculum vitae workshop. The purpose of this event was to help students to get their CV reviewed and to have it critiqued by a person with greater experience in an attempt to ready students for job opportunities. this event was a new initiative that was made and we hope for this to be an ongoing collaboration in the future.

Moreover, in late fall and early spring, our chapter conducted our fund-raising events. We sold two, different items: a mortar and pestle pin and business cards. These helped to promote students' professional presentation, especially when networking and when doing interviews. In late spring, we conducted a third fundraising event where we had a food fundraiser through an outside establishment called El Agave taco Restaurant to help support the funding for our graduation medallions. This event is an ongoing initiative.

Our chapter also collaborated with the Florida Pharmacists Association and the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student pharmacists to host o and the Newly formed Legislative Task Force to conduct the Florida Pharmacists Association's Presidential Debate. This debate was to promote the profession of pharmacy where we facilitated the presentation of the two opposing candidates for the position of the President. This event helped to get our chapter more recognition through the college of pharmacy and also on a statewide level. this event was a new initiative.

Furthermore, we had past Rho Chi alumni from Nova Southeastern University come and give speeches about what the field of pharmacy has to offer once we graduate. This helped students to have a better outlook on the professional and also helped us to network with previous chapter members as well. this event was a new initiative.

In addition, our chapter partnered with to conduct a Mental Health Awareness Fair. At this event, we had a box that we allowed people to write things that they don't want actually say out loud or their feelings, and then we simplify what they mean. This event really helped our chapter to give back to the community especially since mental health is a significant part of one of the most forefront problems facing society today. this event was a new initiative.

Our largest event of the year was our seminar night event whereby we invited pharmacists from non-traditional roles in pharmacy to come and give a speech about their lives, careers and how they ended up in their respective niche. We had an independent pharmacist, an oncology pharmacist, a pharmacist from an accountable care organization and a pharmacist that served as a naval pharmacist. These experiences really helped to grow our chapter and expanded our definition of providing care and also niches within pharmacy. During our last two general meetings, we had guest speakers that talked about preparing for the future of practice and how we can bridge the gap between what is expected and what is done and how to market ourselves in a dynamic profession. this is an ongoing initiative and will be continued in the future.

## **Financial Budgeting**

The budget was determined through a meeting with my local chapter advisor beforehand. In addition, each year, the organization is granted \$500 from our Student Government Association to help maintain the organization. Also, in late fall and early spring, our chapter conducted our fund-raising events. We sold two, different items: a mortar and pestle pin and business cards.

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### **Installation Function**

Our chapter held our initiation ceremony for 60 new inducés on August 23rd, 2017 in Resnick Auditorium in the Health Professions Division of Nova Southeastern University. The audience that attended were the new inductees, their family, and friends as well as faculty, chapter officers, our chapter advisor and the Dean Dr. Lisa Deziel of the College of Pharmacy who served as our keynote speaker who is a member of the Rho Chi Honors society also. Immediately following the initiation ceremony, we had a reception for everyone to partake in which was held in the Chancellor's Dining Hall of the Health Professions Division of Nova Southeastern University. The overall event was very successful and we inducted the new members into our chapter which will lead the next generation moving forward.

### **Evaluation/Reflection**

The events held were chosen to help establish our chapter as a leading organization in the College of Pharmacy. Due to our small number of members compared to other organizations, it has made event planning difficult throughout the years. As such, I sought to improve this aspect by targeting my goal of 100 points for our chapter, when we struggled to obtain the minimum 30 points from the Student Government Association to remain active. I am glad to report that we were able to reach this goal as we obtained 101 points. However, there were areas which I can see that needs to be improved. These include the requirements for the graduation medallion for the fourth year students that are inducted needed to be more clearly defined. There were issues that occurred with members not participating and wanted the same rewards on the sole premise that they are inducted into the organization. This feedback was given by one of the fourth year students and we took it into consideration and are trying to improve the way we set our requirements.

Additionally, at Nova Southeastern University, we opened an offsite campus and we elected an officer to be a representative there. However, this position was not beneficial to us because of the low volume of students pass through that campus during the school year. As such, there were no events that took place there and I decided to forgo this position for the next year.

Moreover, I think as a chapter we could have participated in more community outreach events and even to host one for ourselves. We need to find more creative ways of being able to defend the mission statement while providing a service to the community that they can learn from. Finally, one of the most important areas we could have improved on is documentation with pictures of each event. It was not established that each event needed pictures to be taken and it took away from our overall documentation. As such, we set in place different measures to ensure that we have better documentation for the next year.

### **Other Information**

Our chapter created an end of year video that highlighted all of the activities that we had partaken in. this video got recognition from our Student Government Association and helped us relive the moments that made the year successful. Also, our chapter was awarded an award from the Student Government Association for the “Organization with the greatest Speaker Outreach”. This was very fitting as we had speakers at our events from mainly outside institutions which helped to give our members a different view of what the profession has to offer.